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1. The State Secretariat for the Administration of the State Reserves (Staatssekretariat fuer die Verwaltung der Staatsreserve) has extended its activities and scope considerably over the past year and now controls large quantities of every kind of commodity. These are stored in depots and warehouses scattered throughout East Germany and are intended to serve not only as a reserve for the KVP but also as a cushion for unexpected changes in the economic plan, for failures in the realization of imports, bad harvests, etc.
2. The State reserves are built up primarily on a plan worked out each quarter by the Council of Ministers and implemented by the State Secretariat administering the reserves; they are augmented over and above this plan wherever opportunity offers, as, for example, when a favorable import agreement is concluded, or when there is an unexpected surplus in any particular industry.
3. Issues from the State reserve are authorized only by the Council of Ministers, and, with one exception, issue is granted only after approval by this body. The one exception is the department controlling defense orders (Auftragerteilung) for the KVP in the Ministry of the Interior; in this case the State Secretary (Udo Wange) authorizes any issue requested and seeks subsequent approval from the Council of Ministers.
4. Issues from the reserve are, with the exception of those going to the KVP, made on a replacement basis, the date of replacement being decided ad hoc by the Council. In order to keep stocks rotating (especially those which suffer deterioration in storage) issues are also regularly "offered" with a demand for their return at a later date. Sometimes the commodity to be returned is different in quality from that issued; an example of this was the Ministerial decree of 5 November 1953 which instructed the State Secretariat to dispose of a stock of 1,000 tons of aluminum alloy to VEBs and private firms and demanded its replacement by 31 December 1953 of the same quantity of pure aluminum.
5. In cases where the movement of commodities forming part of the State reserve meets with difficulties, the State Secretariat has priority on the use of railroad

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cars, and where there is urgency, warehouse administrators can secure first priority from the RBD [REDACTED]

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6. The records of the stocks held at the depots and warehouses under the control of the State Secretariat are at present undergoing a thorough inspection as it has been found that many of them are in a poor condition. The records kept by the firms holding stocks on behalf of the State Secretariat (the so-called "Freundlager") are in worse order, and inspectors report that not infrequently valuable stocks of which the State Secretariat has no knowledge are held, or, alternatively, that stocks appearing in the records have ceased to exist. This is being remedied to some extent by arranging for the transfer of stocks held by firms on behalf of the State Secretariat to warehouses directly under its control.
7. In Appendix A is a list of these directly controlled warehouses, together with an indication of the type of stocks usually held at each. Appendix B is a complete schedule of the planned additions to the State reserves during the fourth quarter of 1953, together with a list of some of the issues to be made on a replacement basis. Appendix C shows the organization of the State Secretariat as of 1 October 1953.

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APPENDIX A

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List of Depots and Warehouses under the Control of the State Secretariat for the  
Administration of the State Reserves as of 1 October 1953.

Number	Place	Address	Type of Storage
I	Tangermunde	Arneburgerstrasse 37	Food, tires, vehicles, paper.
II	Koethen	Leninstrasse 35	Food.
III	Groeningen		Food, leather.
IV	Leipzig	Wittenbergerstrasse 1b	Nonferrous metals.
V	Heidenau <sup>1</sup>	Pirnaerstrasse 31/33	Food, textiles, leather, rubber, pharmaceuticals.
VI	Oberlungwitz	(Feinstrumpfwerk)	Textiles.
VII	Stollberg	Schillerstrasse 4	
VIII	Lommatzsch	Raubauerstrasse 2	Food.
IX	Niederau	Weinboehlerstrasse 7	Metals, chemicals, rubber, cotton.
X	Forst	Gubenerstrasse 5	Coal, paper, textiles.
XI	Auerswalde	Altmanstrasse 1	
XII	Oranienburg	Zeppelinhalle	Metals, food, vehicles.
XIII	Gornsdorf	Am Wiesengrund 3	Tires, rubber.
XIV	Erfenschlag	Paul-Franke-Strasse 6	Metals, textiles.
XV	Waldenburg	Langechursdorferstrasse 11-13	Textiles, paper.
XVI	Werdau	Georgenstrasse 19	
XVII	Spitzkunnersdorf		
XVIII	Velten	Hafenstrasse	Gasoline, coal.
XIX	Ruedersdorf	Hainitzstrasse 10	Cement.
XX	Ostritz <sup>2</sup>	Jutespinnerei	Textiles, chemicals, vehicles.
XXI	Stassfurt	Bernburgerstrasse 1a	Metals, chemicals.
XXII	Dresden	(i) Brahmerstrasse 22	Chemicals, paint.
		(ii) Georg-Treu-Platz	Food.
		(iii) DSU. . am Hafen	Coal, gasoline.
		(iv) DSU. . Pieschener Allee	Coal.
XXIII	Reichenbach	An der Bachgasse	Leather.
XXIV	Rodewisch	Wernesgruenderstrasse 74b	Pharmaceuticals.
XXV	Guben	Feldstrasse 2 - 3a	Oil.
XXVI	Thalheim	Jahnsdorferstrasse 6	
XXVII	Hormersdorf		
XXVIII	Riesa	(i) DSU Riesa, Oschatzerstrasse 8a	Coals, metals, rubber.
		(ii) Stahlwerk	Metals, gasoline.
XXIX	Magdeburg	DSU Magdeburg, Handelshafen	Coal, food, chemicals.
XXX	Barby	DSU Barby	Coal.
		Transport und Ladegesellschaft	
XXXI	Dessau	DSU Dessau, Wallritzhafen	Coal.
XXXII	Torgau	DSU Torgau, Hafen	Coal.
XXXIII	Fuerstenberg/Oder	DSU Fuerstenburg, Neuer Hafen	
XXXIV	Frankfurt/Oder	DSU Frankfurt, Ziegelstrasse 19.	Coals, metals.
XXXV	Hennigsdorf		Coal.
XXXVI	Peenemuende		Coal.
XXXVII	Anklam		Coal.
XXXVIII	Demmin		Coal.
XXXIX <sup>3</sup>	Berlin-Adlershof		Gasoline.

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Schedule of Planned Additions to the National Reserves, 1 October to 31 December 1953.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Planned Storage</u>	<u>Replacements</u>	<u>Supplementary Storaging</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Issues from Stock (for later restoraging) (Waelzplan) Rolling mill production plan.</u>
<b>A. <u>Ferrous Metals</u> (in tons)</b>					
Crude steel	50,000			50,000	
Steel shapes	2,000	939		2,939	
Fine sheet		1,687	800	2,487	
Medium sheet		301	800	1,101	
Coarse sheet	2,000	1,848		3,848	
Ship's plate	300			300	
Seamless tubes	900	897	400	2,197	
Rails	300			300	
Rolled wire	500			500	
Bars		373	2,000	2,373	
Ferromanganese					50
Ferrosilicon					151
Ferrotungsten	213			213	
<b>B. <u>Nonferrous Metals</u> (in tons)</b>					
Zinc	600			600	
Tin	25			25	
Bronze	150			150	
<b>C. <u>Basic Materials</u> (in tons)</b>					
Coal (hard)	30,000	7,996		37,996	11,327
Diesel fuel	1,250			1,250	7,090
Gasoline	1,250			1,250	
Motor oil					2,582
Rubber	20			20	200
Caustic soda	650			650	680
Raw cotton	4,500			4,500	
<b>D. <u>Food</u></b>					
Sugar <sup>4</sup>	40,000			40,000	
<b>E. <u>Miscellaneous</u></b>					
Tires	9,000 pieces			9,000	
Lead tetraethyl	97 tons			97	
Tar	75 tons			75	
Paper		400 tons		400	2,418
Railway sleepers	750 cu. meters			750	

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Organization of the State Secretariat for the Administration of State Reserves as of  
1 October 1953.

State Secretary: Udo Wange

(Personal Assistant -  
Irmgard Such)

Deputy: Emil Mader.

Administration : Kessinger (fnu)  
Party affairs: Richard Jahnel  
Staff affairs: Sassa (fnu)

Planning Department: Schlesinger (fnu)  
Finance Department: Kurt Seidel  
Registry: Hanna Synatschke

Manufactured Goods Division

Head: Gerhard Kroecker

Pharmaceutical products: Wolfgang  
Kretzschmer.

Metallurgy: Eberhard Waschke

Precision instruments

Optical goods. Electrical goods.

Engineering products and vehicles

Textiles, leather: Hermann (fnu)

Coal, coke, POL, rubber: Heinz Neurath

Building materials, timber } Hans Hein

Chemicals

Food Division

Head: Herbert Mathe

Maintenance and  
turnover?

Purchases: ?

Heinz Tabbert

Storage and Warehouse Division

Head: Emil Mader

Warehouse Administration:

Fritz Lippold.

Mined products

Chemicals

Mineral oils

Engineering: ?

Electrical products: ?

Precision and optical

instruments: ?

Textiles and leather: Irmgard  
Rosche.

Pharmaceuticals: Erich Bunk.

Paper, wood and building  
materials: Else Neubert.

Purchases and warehouse  
supplies: ?

Comments:

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1. This warehouse is to be given up and cleared by the end of the year.
2. This warehouse may be given up after clearance.
3. It should be noted that the Roman numbering of these warehouses is arbitrary. In a previous list the order was different. Roman numerals appear to be de rigueur.
4. Comment. Unit of measurement expressed as qm (sic).

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